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SINGAPORE COULD DEPLOY ITS UAVS EARLIER THAN 2010

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(C) Acting E/P Counselor delivered reftel demarche informing Singapore about the decision of the Government of Kyrgyzstan to allow the United States to operate a transit center at Manas International Airport in support of international forces in Afghanistan to MFA Middle East, North Africa and Central Asia Deputy Director Stephen Lim on July 13. Lim noted that Singapore's plan to deploy UAVs to Afghanistan had been pushed back until 2010, due in large part to the uncertainty surrounding the continued use by ISAF forces of the facilities at Manas Airbase. Lim said he would consult with the Singapore Ministry of Defence to ascertain whether Singapore might potentially deploy its UAVs sooner than 2010, given the new agreement on Manas.

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